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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : The total amount to the credit of the teachers is with the Corporation. Are the teachers free to withdraw these amounts as they have no further contributory system?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

Clinical laboratories

* 46 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the clinical laboratories attached to Government institutions are not open to private medical practitioners; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) The clinical laboratories attached to Government Medical institutions are open to private medical practitioners also.

(*b*) Does not arise.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that certain medical practitioners when they referred cases to the clinical laboratories of the various State hospitals here, were refused the facility by the gentleman in charge of those laboratories?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : There is no such information with the Government. If the hon. Member brings to the notice of the Government any specific instance, that will be looked into.

Director of Public Health

* 47 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon .the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 536 on 16th December 1961 the reasons for the re-employment of the present Director of Public Health?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : The re-employment was ordered in the exigencies of public service.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : How many times was this gentleman re-employed?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : This is the third extension that has been given to him.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Are there very much qualified people under him?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : There may be qualified people, but at the moment I do not think that question arises.